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Dogs that bit boy may be destroyed

Permission from owner being sought

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Madison County animal control officers Friday were attempting to obtain permission from the owner to destroy two dogs that allegedly attacked a 7-year-old boy Tuesday.

The child was treated at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City and required surgery on his legs following the attack.

The dogs — chows, considered an "aggressive" breed — were in quarantine as of Friday.

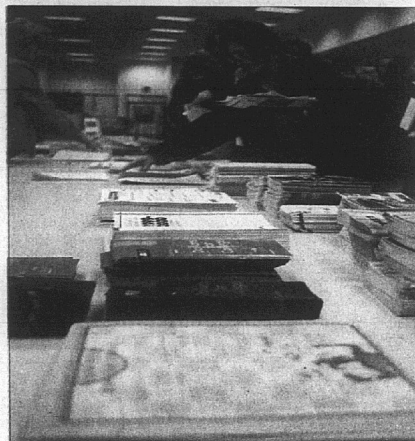
Animal Control Administrator Dr. David Hall said Friday afternoon that officials were trying to get in touch with the owner of the dogs, Elizabeth Moore, of the 4700 block of Warnock Road just outside of Granite City, but her telephone has been disconnected.

"She made statements to the newspapers that she doesn't want the dogs back," Hall said. "I have a guy going out there today to try to contact them and have the dogs signed over to be destroyed."

If the owner will not allow the dogs to be destroyed, Hall said he would begin an investigation.

"There appears to be discrepancies as to if it was one dog or two (that

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Tim Stephenson photo

Aid workshop

Parents and students at Granite City High School pick up packets of information Wednesday night during a financial aid workshop in the GCHS Media Center.

Stickers prompt complaints

Enforcement of ordinance began Monday

Enforcement of Madison's city sticker ordinance led to a number of complaints at City Hall Wednesday.

The police department started ticketing cars without stickers Monday and recently stepped up enforcement.

Mayor John Hamm said vehicles registered to city residents must have the stickers, which cost \$5 for people 62 and older and \$10 for everybody else.

The stickers — available at City Hall during normal business hours — are supposed to be placed on the lower right side of the front windshield.

— Scott Cousins

Rash of robberies prompts warning

Police stepping up nighttime patrols

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Madison police have stepped up nighttime patrols and warned store and bar owners to be on the lookout after a string of robberies last week.

In the latest, an elderly couple simply walked away from a man who brandished a gun and demanded money Wednesday night.

Lt. Steve Shelby said the couple had just parked their car outside the Polish Hall and were walking toward the door when a man came up to them, brandished what they

believed to be a revolver and demanded money.

"They were so dumbstruck he (the husband) told his wife to go inside," Shelby said.

The couple walked into the hall, and the frustrated robber left.

Although the couple escaped unharmed, Shelby said the best response is to give the robber whatever he wants.

"They were pretty lucky nothing happened to them," Shelby said.

That was the fourth or fifth armed robbery in Madison in the past week, he added. Shelby said he could not explain the rash of robberies.

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Couple sees logic to state's college prepayment program

Joe and Beth Juneau have five children to think of

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

With the prospect of financing college educations for five children — including a set of 2-year-old triplets — Joe and Beth Juneau of Granite City decided to take advantage of a program that allows them to prepay their children's education.

The sign-up period for the program, College Illinois!, had been set to end Jan. 31, but it proved so popular that the deadline has been extended to next Friday.

College Illinois! is a state-backed program that provides a way to lock in college costs and

even spread the costs out over 5- or 10-year periods.

Families can buy contracts and lock in the cost of tuition and mandatory fees at Illinois public colleges at today's prices. The program offers flexibility by allowing a purchaser to select anywhere from one semester at a community college to four years at a public university. Contract benefits may also be used at Illinois private colleges and at out-of-state colleges, both public and private.

Joe Juneau said he purchased plans for stepsons Mark and David, ages 10 and 11, as well as 2-year-old triplets Chad, Brittany, and

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Ex-bailiff pleads guilty

Man was accused of bribing county official

By Dennis Grubbaugh
Staff writer

A former courthouse bailiff accused of bribing a county official has been placed on 18 months' probation and resigned his old job after entering a guilty plea.

Norman M. Bertagnoli, 66, of Wood River, also faces six months' jail time once his probationary period is over, subject to the discretion of the judge, special prosecutor Thomas Denby said Monday.

"It is possible that he could do everything he is supposed to do and still end up going to jail," Denby said. "It's primarily whether or not he toes the line."

Bertagnoli declined to comment on the case and referred questions to his attorney, Ed Unsell of East Alton.

Unsell said his client is "very remorseful."

"The first thing he said to me was, 'You're looking at the dumbest client that you've ever had. I've waited 65 years to do something like this stupid,'" Unsell said. "He's very embarrassed."

Bertagnoli, an 11-year bailiff in traffic and family court,

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Fire trucks are firm's business

Banner Fire serves local municipalities

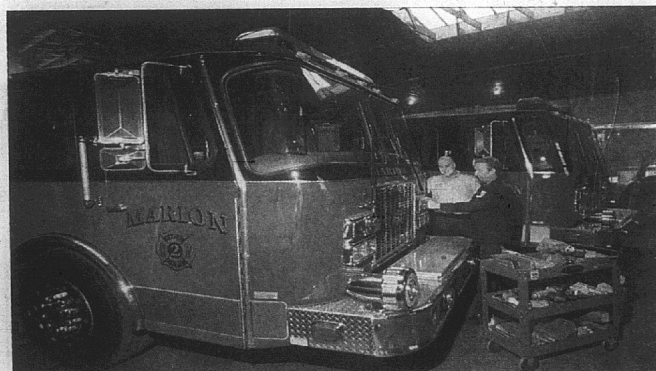
By Val McDowell
Staff writer

While driving down Collinsville's Main Street, residents sometimes might think the public library is on fire.

It's not. The firetrucks often parked outside the library aren't answering a call. They belong to Banner Fire Equipment, located across the street at 327 W. Main. They eventually will be parked in the 6,000-square-foot lot adjacent to the back of the shop.

Mike Benker purchased Banner Fire in 1988 with his wife, Mary. He had worked for several years in fire equipment sales at a small Chicago company. During that time, Mike Benker brought a truck to Collinsville, to the

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Mike Benker, co-owner of Banner Fire Equipment, and mechanic Wayne Horton check over one of two new fire trucks for the Marion Fire Department. Banner Fire serves many local municipalities throughout the region.

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Lottery time

Circuit Judge Phil Kadis pulls a name out of a container being held by Granite City Clerk Judy Whitaker. The drawing was done to determine ballot placement for City Council candidates in the April election.

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BAC offering free GED classes

Belleville Area College is offering free General Educational Development classes at various sites throughout the college's district in February. GED classes prepare area residents who have not received a high school diploma to take a test to receive a high school equivalency certificate. Daytime classes include: Granite City Head Start, 2100 Edison Ave. — Class will meet from 1 to 3:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from Feb. 9 to April 6. Register at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9, in the Parent Meeting Room, Harris School, 1634

Seventh St., in Madison — Class will meet from 12 to 3 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from Feb. 11 to April 8. Register at noon, Thursday, Feb. 11, in the school library. Evening Classes include: Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road — Class will meet from 6:30 to 9:20 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, from Feb. 8 to April 5. Register at 6:30 p.m.,

Monday, Feb. 8, in the cafeteria. Dupu High School, 600 Louisa Dr. — Classes will meet from 6:30 to 9:20 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, from Feb. 11 to April 8. Register at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 11, in room 101. For more information call BAC at 235-2700, ext. 5525, or toll-free at (800) BAC-5131, ext. 5525.

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SIUE seeking approval to build \$21 million dormitory

By Sanford J. Schmidt Staff writer

Southern Illinois University officials are expecting approval this week of a bond issue to finance a \$21 million dormitory at Edwardsville. "This will be a landmark project for the university," said David Werner, chancellor of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

He said the project, scheduled for completion in two-and-a-half years, will

re-enforce the trend toward enrolling students from outside the Metro East.

He said the university has recruited students from small communities in Illinois east of SIUE. Many of the students in the first two dorms to open on campus have been from those communities, Werner said. Officials said the campus has acquired more of a traditional atmosphere of a residential campus with the opening of Prairie and Woodland halls in the past five years.

The first two residence halls were full almost as soon as they opened. "Based on the success of Woodland and Prairie halls, residence hall style housing appears to be the preferred type of housing for traditional freshmen and sophomore level students at SIUE," officials said in a report to be submitted to the university's board of trustees next week.

The new hall would be at Whiteside Road and Circle Drive near the new engineering building, which is scheduled for completion in a year.

The bond issue, which will come up for a vote by the board Thursday, would be for \$25 million with \$2 million earmarked to expand and streamline the dining hall at Morris University Center.

The bonds would be paid back over a 30-year period by revenue from rent paid by students, plus revenue from the dining hall.

Werner and SIU President Ted Sanders spoke Thursday at a news conference at Edwardsville. Sanders said the new residence hall is expected to attract more freshmen. The 500-bed building would provide convenient housing for students using the engineering and art and design buildings, Werner said.

Dogs may be destroyed

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attacked the child," he said. "Once we've sorted that out, I will seek to declare that dog vicious." "It's a real shame," he said. "I'm going to do whatever I can do to make sure these dogs will never ever bite anyone again."

The mother of the child told newspapers that she had called animal control repeatedly about the dogs, but Hall said she apparently did not leave her name when she made those calls. "Our policy here is that if a complainant doesn't leave their name with us, we won't investigate," he said. "We get many many calls from people who are aggravated at their neighbors — somebody has got to be responsible for the call."

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Bailiff pleads guilty, resigns

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recently sent a letter resigning his post effective June 1 of last year, Unsell said.

Bertagnoli was fined \$1,450 as part of a plea agreement reached by attorneys last month. He must also undergo treatment directed by the probation department.

He pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice, a felony count that was added in as part of the plea negotiation by the prosecutor. In return, the more substantive count of bribery was dismissed. Bribery is a Class 2 felony punishable by up to seven years in prison.

Bertagnoli was charged with bribery and suspended from his job last May after he allegedly gave \$1,500 to Assistant State's Attorney Tony Rothert to get him to drop a DUI case for a third party.

Early on, Bertagnoli signed a statement admitting the incident and calling it isolated. He was free after posting bail. Bertagnoli was accused of passing 15 \$100 bills in an envelope to Rothert to get Rothert to dismiss a pending DUI case against Mark P. Diekmann of Collinsville. Rothert was wired and the conversation was monitored by Madison County Sheriff's detectives. Bertagnoli was arrested within minutes of passing the money May 1 of last year.

Attorneys said Bertagnoli's age and lack of a criminal record worked in his favor for the plea agreement, which was entered Jan. 22 before Associate Judge Ellar Duff.

County officials have said that an unnamed "middle man" approached Bertagnoli on Diekmann's behalf. Bertagnoli apparently knew the middle man but not Diekmann.

The middle man allegedly paid Bertagnoli \$3,500 to get some help on the DUI case, thinking the money would be used to hire an attorney. Bertagnoli kept \$2,000 of the money and used the remaining \$1,500 in the bribe attempt in a judge's chambers, authorities said.

Program aims at young children

Partnership for Kids will provide early learning experiences

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Because a good education doesn't begin when a child goes into preschool or kindergarten, the Venice School District is starting a program to reach parents of small children.

The district's new Partnership for Kids Program is now enrolling children 3 and under for the new program, said Junetta Ramsey, parent educator for the district.

She said that without early attention, many of the children will end up in special education or are classified as learning disabled "because parents are

young, parents are uneducated, and the children are not being taught at home."

She said that many adults take their jobs as parents for granted, but then later question why their children are not performing well in school.

"They really need to understand the developmental stages — the growth and development and what a child should be able to do," she said. "A lot of the parents are finding out kind of late, and it's causing a lot of problems."

The program, paid by a state grant, will offer parent/child learning activities both at home and at the district's kindergarten annex, located at 700 Broadway.

It will also have group activities for both parents and children, newsletter

updates, a toy and book lending library and health and development screening for the children.

Ramsey said working with children at a very early age will help prevent problems later in the child's education.

Part of that will be screening to pinpoint any problems the children may be having and getting them special help if necessary.

"A lot of kids, by the time they make it to Head Start, they have problems that put them behind," she said.

She also said it will give them an opportunity to begin teaching the children. "Children can learn at that age group," she said.

For information or to register for the program, call Ramsey at 798-4185.

Goff defense gets time to build its case

Public defender doesn't want the case because of expense involved

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

Attorneys sparred Monday over the defense for a child abuser whom the state wants committed for mental treatment.

In the end, a judge delayed proceedings one week to give

attorneys for Ronald A. Goff time to build their case.

Goff, 39, the former principal of Edwardsville Junior High School, was scheduled to have been released from prison last Friday. However, the Illinois Attorney General's Office filed a last-minute petition to have Goff committed under the state's Sexually Violent Persons Commitment Act.

Goff served 27 months of a five-year sentence for the aggravated child abuse of two boys, 11 and 13, in Madison and Washington counties. He was released on parole in January 1998 before being taken back to custody last month for allegedly violating his parole by being around children.

A state psychologist, Dr. Marc Levinson, has said that Goff has admitted abusing 12 boys during a 40-year period. Goff's court-appointed attorney, Madison County Public Defender John Rekowski, said he didn't want the case. He said his office only has limited statutory authority to deal with a case like Goff's and could spend up to 10 percent of his office budget on it if it goes to trial.

Associate Judge James Hackett denied his motion to withdraw.

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Guest Column Top 10 Reasons to be ready for 21st Century Like it or not, students have to think globally

By Dr. Tom Fegley

We've all heard of David Letterman's Top 10 List. Well, here are some Top 10 Lists of another kind. (Never mind that there are 11 items in the last list.)

About three years ago, a book titled "Preparing Students for the 21st Century" came across my desk. As I read through the book, I came across three lists that I found extremely interesting.

In her research project, Donna Uchida engaged a panel of distinguished experts throughout America who were willing to participate as the Council of 55. These 55 individuals from such fields as education, business, government, psychology, sociology, anthropology and demography were asked to name the most important knowledge, skills and behavior students will need to exhibit if they are to prosper in the 21st century.

Here are the lists reported in the book:

1. What academic content will students need to master to succeed in the 21st century?
2. Math, logic and reasoning skills; functional and operational literacy; and an understanding of statistics.
3. Critical interpersonal skills, including speaking, listening and the ability to be part of a team.
4. Effective information accessing and processing skills using technology.
5. Writing skills to enable students to communicate effectively.
6. Knowledge of American history and government to function in a democratic society and an understanding of issues surrounding patriotism.
7. Scientific knowledge base, including applied science.
8. An understanding of the history of the world and of world affairs.
9. Multi-cultural understanding, including insights into diversity and the need for an international perspective.
10. Knowledge of foreign languages.

What skills will students need for the 21st century?

1. Oral and written communication skills.
2. Critical thinking, reasoning and problem-solving skills.
3. Self-discipline.
4. Skill in the use of computers and other technologies.
5. Job success skills.
6. Adaptability and flexibility.
7. Conflict resolution and negotiation skills.
8. Being able to conduct research and interpret and apply data.
9. Knowledge of other languages, being multi-lingual.
10. Comprehensive reading and understanding skills.

What behaviors will students need to exhibit to be prepared for the 21st century?

1. Understanding and practicing honesty, integrity and the golden rule.
2. Respect for the value of effort, understanding the work ethic and need for individual contributions and self-discipline.
3. Understanding and respect for those not like you, an appreciation of diversity.
4. Capacity to work with others as a team member.
5. Taking increased responsibility for one's own actions.
6. Respect for others and for authority.
7. Commitment to family life, personal life and community.
8. Pride in U.S. citizenship and knowledge of individual responsibilities in a democracy.
9. Willingness to civilly resolve disagreements.
10. Recognition and respect for educators.

11. Being excited about life and setting goals for life-long learning.

It would seem to me that these lists provide a pretty good prescription to guide parents and schools in preparing young people for their adult lives.

Dr. Tom Fegley is superintendent of Collinsville's Unit 10 School District.



That's the way the state highway system crumbles Deteriorating highways could be Ryan's biggest challenge

A few years back, the folks who run the Illinois Department of Transportation decided to use an experimental asphalt mixture on Chicago's Dan Ryan Expressway.

Bad idea. Very bad. I can understand maybe using an experimental paving surface on a short stretch of the Ryan, one of the world's busiest highways. That way, if the new stuff didn't work right, the resulting problem could be easily fixed.

Ah, but that's not how they saw things over at IDOT. Instead of trusting the new asphalt on a quarter-mile stretch, they paved the whole darned road with the stuff.

The nasty spell of weather we had in Chicagoland during the first half of January, with its snow, ice and low temperatures, turned the entire expressway into the approximate equivalent of the surface of the moon. There were more potholes than road.

To his credit, George Ryan (the governor, not the road) kept his cool (at least publicly) and jumped into action. Gov. Ryan ordered the top of asphalt scraped off to even out the road's surface somewhat.

Then he moved up to the expressway's scheduled repaving by a full year.

But that crisis wasn't the last infrastructure problem the new governor will face.

According to IDOT, about three-fourths of our interstates are at least 21 years old, even though they were built to last only 30 years.

IDOT claims the state needs



Rich Miller

to replace or repair almost 750 bridges.

The state has a 2,400-mile repair backlog, and federal highways will need to be fixed within the next five years.

And this doesn't take into account the thousands of miles of municipal, county and township roads that are falling apart.

I know a township road commissioner down in Southern Illinois who is consumed with despair whenever he talks about the sorry state of the infrastructure under his care. It's kind of creepy.

"Rich," he'll say with a slow, dramatic wave of his arm, "we've let this go on way too long. Everything's going to fall apart one day. Everywhere."

There's no doubt that government bureaucrats exaggerate problems when they're pushing for a tax increase. But shave off the fudge, and things are still pretty bad.

Then there's the regional pressures for more and better transportation systems. Senate President Pat Rife wants to spend well over \$1 billion on various west suburban Chicago road projects, including a new north-south expressway.

And don't forget the proposed third regional airport near Peotone. The new roads leading into that place will cost about \$1 billion, not including the cash spent building the actual airport.

Chicagoans woke up during the recent blizzard to discover that their mass transit system needs a complete overhaul.

Here's where the real bad news comes in. IDOT has just about run out of money that it can use to borrow even more money to pay for even more work.

Most of the cash from the last tax increase, in 1995, is being used to pay off the mountain of debt the state took on when it started its last round of big projects. The state's Road Fund is basically broke.

Because regular tax increases are a necessary part of the system, everyone is

Springfield has known for the past five years that some sort of large cash infusion would be needed.

Yes, campers, this is another government crisis created when the people in charge waited until literally the last minute to do something.

The media, especially in the hard-hit Chicago area, have finally recognized the problem, and the crumbling infrastructure could turn out to be the biggest issue of George Ryan's term. The pressure to act could get intense.

Someone wrote recently that an issue as education funding has been for the past 20 years. There are eerie similarities: It's an expensive and difficult problem that won't go away; it has been ignored for far too long; the people who represent the state's three regions, Chicago, the suburbs and downstate, all believe that their constituents should have the priority.

We can only hope the powers that be do something about this problem faster than they tackled school funding. I'm glad I own a Jeep.

Sound Off!

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Snoozing senators shameful

I just turned on the news. Some of the U.S. senators are nodding off at the opening arguments at the president's impeachment trial. I think this is outrageous. If they can't pay attention during something so important, they don't deserve to be U.S. senators. The sergeant-at-arms should have the authority to go over there, wake them up and throw them out.



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Robberies concern police

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On Sunday, a lone man walked into the QuikTrip on McCambridge and asked for change. When the clerk turned around, the man allegedly pulled a small semi-automatic handgun and demanded money.

Police said very little money was taken.

After the man fled, Granite City and Madison County officers assisted in a search for him, but were unsuccessful. On Monday, a cab driver reported that he was robbed by a white male.

The next day, an Alton woman reported that she had been robbed Monday evening by two men in the Get N Go parking lot in the 2100 block of Edwardsville Road.

However, police said both those reports were suspicious.

Two local food pantries merging

For 10 years, the First Granite City Foursquare Church has operated a food pantry as a community outreach.

Now, because the church is in the process of relocating and has sold its buildings at 1200 Meridian, the food pantry has merged that another church-based food pantry in West Granite. The combined pantries will be located at the Victory Worship Center Food Pantry, 2601 Cayuga.

Pastor Eddie Linhart of Foursquare Church said he thought the merger was a good idea.

"I feel good about it," he said. "It's helping us bring the churches together."

He also said it might attract more workers.

FREE GED CLASSES

DAYTIME CLASSES

BAC's Belleville Campus, 2500 Carlyle Ave.
Register at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the Varsity Gym Lobby.
Class meets from 9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., weekdays, from Feb. 16 to March 12.

Cahokia Goodwill Center, 1040 Camp Jackson Road.
Register at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the Varsity Gym Lobby.
Class meets from 9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., weekdays, from Feb. 16 to March 12.

Centerville City Hall, 5800 Bond Ave.
Register at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the city hall lobby.
Class meets from 9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., weekdays, from Feb. 16 to March 12.

Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road.
Register at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the Granite City Campus Cafeteria.
Class meets from 9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., weekdays, from Feb. 16 to March 12.

East St. Louis Community College Center, 601 James R. Thompson Blvd.
Register at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 16, at ESLCCC.
Class meets from 9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., weekdays, from Feb. 16 to March 12.

Helen Davis Family Center, 109 N. 13th St.
Register at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the center.
Class meets from 9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., weekdays, from Feb. 16 to March 12.

EVENING CLASSES

Sparta High School, 205 W. Hood St.
Register at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 23, in Room 217.
Class meets from 6:30-9:20 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays, from Feb. 23 to April 20.

For information, call (618) 235-2700, ext. 5525,
or toll-free at 1-800-BAC-5131,
ext. 5525.

BELLEVILLE AREA COLLEGE

Banner specializes in fire equipment

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former Abel Equipment.

When that business went up for sale, the Benkers bought it and moved to Collinsville.

"I know that working with your spouse is not for everybody, but I've been very fortunate to be able to share a job with my wife for 12 of our 24 years together," Benker said.

It's an unusual field, he said, but a rewarding one. Benker oversees sales, and Mary Benker handles the company's day-to-day operations.

Banner sells numerous firefighting and emergency-related supplies, including trucks, hoses, nozzles, protective clothing and accessories.

"We pretty much provide everything to our clients but the uniforms," Mike Benker said.

Most of their customers are from Southern Illinois and eastern Missouri. They serve departments in Belleville, Glen Carbon, Granite City, St. Louis, St.

Louis County and, of course, Collinsville.

"There are several fire districts in the surrounding communities that we've been able to do a good business with over the years, and they are always needing supplies," he said.

He said Collinsville's accessibility to municipalities on both sides of the river has been helpful to Banner.

Trucks come in three styles: pumpers, aerial ladder units and rescue trucks. They range in price from \$100,000 to \$650,000 and have an average life span of 25 years.

They are made of aluminum, which Benker said is important because it adds to the frame's durability and a truck's overall life span.

"I think one of the most memorable sales I've had is a few years ago, we sold five trucks to the same fire district on one day," he said.

Banner also sells utilities and accessories that enhance a vehicle's value. The company has two full-time staff mechanics, and they service trucks sold by other companies as well as their own.

Banner supplies are produced by Emergency One Inc., based in Ocala, Fla. Benker said Emergency One Inc. is an industry leader in manufacturing emergency response vehicles and equipment.

Banner also offers "Jaws of Life" products, which are used in traffic situations where a victim needs to be removed from an automobile.

Banner has eight employees, including sales people and mechanics. It is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, though Benker said he often works evenings.

"I work with a lot of departments that use volunteers, and they have full-time day jobs," he said. "I have to work around their schedule."

Benker said he enjoys having the chance to work with the public in an important industry.

"We've been able to get to know a lot of good people in the fire service business, and they care people care," he said. "That's what makes the whole job worthwhile."

EPA rule shuts down four gas stations

Deadline was Dec. 22 for meeting regulations on gas tanks

By Becky Garrison
Staff writer

Four St. Clair County Clark stations have been running on fumes since a Dec. 22 Environmental Protection Agency deadline calling for newer, more environmentally sound gas tanks.

Winston Wallace, executive vice president of St. Louis Petroleum and Marketing, the company that purchased 22 Clark stations last year, said the stations should be pumping gas again within the next 14 days.

Stations in St. Clair County include one in Swansea, two in Belleville, and one in O'Fallon. Two stations owned by Wallace's company are in Madison County.

The stations in Swansea, Belleville and O'Fallon are open as convenience stores

only. Wallace said he has one station in Centerville that met compliance and is still pumping gas.

The EPA set the deadline in 1988. Last year, the EPA said that deadline would not be extended because owners have had a decade to make the change. Stations continuing to operate with old tanks after Dec. 22 faced federal and state fines of \$35,000 per day.

Upgrading the tanks cost from \$10,000 to \$40,000 per tank, and most stations have two or more.

Wallace's company is still working to put his stations in compliance.

"We are placing cathodic protections on the lines and tanks, an option given to us by the State Fire Marshall," Wallace said.

The law states that stations have to pull out old steel tanks and replace them with

fiberglass or corrosion-resistant tanks and piping, plus spill and leak detectors. Some tanks can be retrofitted with liners. The law was passed to curb the growing problem of leaking tanks, which already has reached epidemic proportions nationwide.

Wallace said his company did not purchase the Clark Station in Fairview Heights, which has been closed since December.

A Houston Texas developer's proposal to turn the station at 1856 Lincoln Trail into a 2,382-square-foot convenience store, gas station and restaurant was defeated at Tuesday's City Council meeting in Fairview Heights.

Ward 2 Alderman Lydia Cruz said she did not support the proposed development because there is not enough room for it at that location.

Couple takes advantage of college program

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Danielle.

Juneau first heard of the plan through a newspaper article, then did additional research on the Internet.

"The ability to lock in their education at this point in time was the deciding factor for me," he said. "There are other ways to try to fund a college tuition, but this was a sure thing in my opinion."

They filled out application forms in the first of December, and were notified of their acceptance into the program about two weeks later.

"It seems to me, even if your children don't go to college and do something else, it can be transferred to other family members, so it's relatively low-risk," he

said.

Since beginning in October, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission has received more than 70,000 inquiries about the program, and more than 8,000 contracts have been received.

"College Illinois" was created to help make college an affordable reality and it is gratifying to see all different types of families recognize that this is such a beneficial program," said Donald M. Prince, director of College Illinois.

"Especially with the instability and unpredictability of financial markets, College Illinois gives families a peace of mind that their children's education futures will be paid for."

Gov. George Ryan announced Monday that the enrollment period would be extended.

"This program has experienced an

overwhelmingly positive response from parents and other family members who view College Illinois as a way to secure their children's education future today," Ryan said. "We want to give everyone who is interested an opportunity to enroll under this year's rates."

Besides starting a rigorous savings plan, parents are presented with so few alternatives to pay for college while costs continue to skyrocket," Ryan added.

"This program makes a higher education affordable and makes college a reality because parents can make monthly payments instead of having to take out loans at higher interest rates."

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Hop on the motorcoach Monday, April 5 for the six-day trip to America's southern coastline. The tour starts on the scenic Natchez Trace with visits to several antebellum homes. New Orleans, with its famed French Quarter and Cafe Du Monde, will be the first coastal stop on the tour. Individuals will visit an alligator farm and other sites around the city. No visit to New Orleans would be complete without a beignet breakfast at Cafe Du Monde.

From New Orleans, travelers head for Biloxi, Miss., for fun at Ship Island, a tour of Beauvoir and a history lesson on the shrinking industry. The trip continues with a stop in Mobile, Ala., for a city tour and stroll around the grounds of Bellingrath Gardens and Home, the estate of the founder of Coca-Cola. The final destination is Huntsville, Ala., and the U.S. Space and Rocket Center.

Cost for this coastal adventure is \$825 per person, double occupancy, and \$975, single occupancy. The price of the trip includes round trip motorcoach transportation, local tour guides, six night accommodations, 11 meals, admissions, taxes and gratuities, and a tip for the driver and escort. A \$100 per person deposit is due upon booking with full payment due Friday, March 5.

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Obituaries

Harold Schueren

HAROLD J. SCHUEREN, 79, of Granite City died Thursday, Feb. 4, 1999, at St. Louis University Hospital.

Mr. Schueren was born May 15, 1919, in St. Louis. He was retired from A.O. Smith and member of the Moose Lodge 272 in Granite City.

Survivors include his wife, Sybil (Deak) Schueren; his children, Harold Schueren Jr., Michael Schueren, Arnold Schueren, Mary Blum and Judy Bonaventure, all of Baton Rouge, La., and Dennis Schueren of Granite City; one brother, Eddie Schueren of St. Louis; one sister, Bernice Rockwell of St. Louis; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road. Services will be 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home in Granite City. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

J. Walter Reed

J. WALTER REED, of Granite City died Saturday, Jan. 23, 1999, in Fort Meyers, Fla.

Mr. Reed was born in Chicago. He was a member of the Holy Family parish.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Reed, two sons, J. Walter Reed II of Elgin, and William Reed of Redman, Wash., two stepdaughters, Donna Deal of Elgin and Diane McIntyre of Granite City; one sister, Evelyn Hazzard of Kimberling, Mo.; and one brother, Marshall of Cedar Lake, Ind.; and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Robert Sikes

ROBERT L. SIKES, 86, of Granite City, died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Mr. Sikes was born Feb. 24, 1912, in Greenville, Texas. He was retired from the Department of Defense as a supervisor in surplus equipment. Mr. Sikes was a World War II Marine Corps and Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Mary (Zarka) Sikes; two sons, Bruce Sikes of Webster Groves, Mo., and Brian Sikes of Edwardsville; and two grandchildren, Ian and Zoe Sikes of Edwardsville.

Services were Friday at the Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City, with the Rev. Bruce Sikes officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Ronald Hufford

RONALD HUFFORD, 57, of Collinsville died Thursday, Feb. 4, 1999, at his residence.

Mr. Hufford was born June 1, 1941, in Milford.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Hufford; three sons, David Huff-

ord and Steve Hufford both of Granite City, and Jeff Hufford of Danville; one daughter, Lisa Reeves of Granite City; one stepdaughter, Laura Potter of Florida; two sons, Jim Howard of Granite City, and Stephen Howard of Florida; three brothers, Danny Hufford of Florida, Rick Hufford of Illinois, and Tom Hufford of Maine; two sisters, Sheila Nottingham and Rita Cox, both of Florida; and five grandchildren.

Memorial service time is pending for today at Pontoon Baptist Church, with the Rev. Alan Redfern officiating.

Dorothy Odell

DOROTHY E. (MASKE) ODELL, 79, of Madison died Thursday, Feb. 4, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Ms. Odell was born July 28, 1919, in Shobonier. She had worked at the Grand Cafe in Granite City and the Holiday Inn in Collinsville, and was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her husband, George Odell, whom she married on Aug. 24, 1937; one son, Larry Wheeler of Edwardsville; one daughter, Kimberly Odell of Granite City; and one grandchild, Tracey Wheeler of Edwardsville.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. John Lutheran Church, 2001 St. Clair Ave., Granite City, with the Rev. Gerald Kovacs officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates.

Betty Townsend

BETTY L. (MILLER) TOWNSLEY, 74, of Granite City died Feb. 5, 1999, at Sunrise Care in Edwardsville.

Mrs. Townsend was born Feb. 29, 1924, in Granite City. She had worked as a secretary for the Car-

penters Local 633 and the Army Depot during World War II, and was a member of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her daughter, Janice Schneider of Granite City; one son, James Townsend Jr. of Granite City; one granddaughter, Nicole Schneider of Granite City; and one grandson, Adam Schneider of Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Paul Townsend Sr.; her parents, Ryal and Thelma (Boatwick) Miller.

Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. today at Irwin Chapel.

Services will be 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with the Rev. John Kinnard officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Kenneth Brown

KENNETH A. BROWN, 46, of Madison died Monday, Feb. 1, 1999, at his residence.

Mr. Brown was born May 29, 1952, in Granite City. He was employed by Cerro Copper Brass as a crane operator and was a member of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include his parents, Harold and Mavis Brown and Peggy (Hubbard) Doggett, all of Venice; one son, Kenneth T. Brown of Lenzburg; one daughter, Paulette Garry of Caseyville; seven brothers, Danny Brown of California, Richard Caudill and Larry Brown, both of Venice, Raymond Gries and Dennis Brown, both of Collinsville, and Steven and George Doggett of Muddy; five sisters, Belinda Cato of Caseyville, Mary Grafton of Venice, Arlene

McGill and Leona Robertson, both of Collinsville, and Deborah Whitelaw of Overland, Mo.; and one grandchild, Cody George of Caseyville.

Services were Friday at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. James Hooker officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Robert Hebblethwaite

ROBERT B. HEBBLETHWAITE JR., 33, of Collinsville, died Monday, Feb. 1, 1999, in Hamel Township.

Mr. Hebblethwaite was born Nov. 29, 1965, in St. Louis. He was employed by American Steel as a laborer and was past member counselor of the James Stuart Chapter of DeMolay and chevalier.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine (Smith) Hebblethwaite; his mother, Lois (Yates) Hebblethwaite; three sons, Moen, Charles, and Robbie, all of Collinsville; three sisters, Kimbly Hebblethwaite of Granite City, Robyn Bedwell of Madison, and Deborah Price of Hillsboro, Mo.; his maternal grandmother, Thelma May of Granite City; and his paternal grandmother, Ava Hebblethwaite of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert B. Hebblethwaite Sr.

Services were Wednesday at Irwin Chapel. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Milestones

Summer Daugherty celebrates a birthday today, Feb. 7.

Kris McGovern celebrates a birthday today, Feb. 7.

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Larry and Fannie Redfern celebrate their wedding anniversary Feb. 7.

Cathy Wise celebrates a birthday Feb. 8.

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Earl Spaulding celebrates a birthday Feb. 9.

Doris Rose celebrates a birthday Feb. 9.

Joseph Dallas celebrates a birthday Feb. 9.

Diane Bellucci celebrates a birthday Feb. 9.

Carlisle Muffett celebrates a birthday Feb. 9.

Misty Endicote celebrates a birthday Feb. 10.

Andy Economy celebrates a birthday Feb. 10.

Robie Poston celebrates a birthday Feb. 10.

Larry D. Shelby celebrates a birthday Feb. 10.

Dave Tatum celebrates a birthday Feb. 10.

Denise Caldwell celebrates a birthday Feb. 10.

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Winter's silences have great appeal, especially to the reflective mind. The still and quiet beauty makes one desire to be at such peace with oneself.

I love to sit quietly here at work, with only the sound of my cat, Maria, purring contentedly on my lap and hearing not another sound except that of my own breath. In moments of complete silence, with not a word or whisper, I can reflect on the magnificent grandeur of the universe and the divine hand who created it.

I consider myself blessed to be a part of all its wonder and splendor.

In a whirlwind of busyness, take a moment out of your day or night to be in complete silence. The rush of life can be exhausting, so retire often into the sweet and composing silence of God's all sufficiency.

A New You



Catherine Galasso

and be still with Him in the inner harmony of your soul. When you are quiet and alone, all of creation can open up its wise secrets to you. Ponder the simple pleasures you have in your life, think about those you love and dwell on the many blessings of each passing day.

In solitude and silence you can examine your heart. What do you feel at its core?

Meditate on your heart's truest desires. Look beyond the outer surface of things and witness the divine beauty that reveals itself through the inner reflection of outer blessings.

Use this composed, passive time to be creative with your

mind. Creative thinking is wonderful. It can open up a whole new world of interesting thoughts and ideas. Turn off the television, the stereo and the phone. Let the hustle and bustle of the commercial world pass by as you take time to be in complete silence.

Calmness of the mind is a beautiful quality of character. Look inside yourself in solitude and find the answers to life's questions. Being at peace with one's self and ultimately with the outside world is a treasure beyond measure.

Positive, successful living begins with an honest analysis of ourselves and depends largely on how we view ourselves and our circumstances. A peaceful mind generates wisdom, thinking out peaceful solutions and visualizing relaxing scenes.

Spend moments on reflection and prayer. God will alter time for you as you give Him a portion of your day. Turn your mind at regular intervals to God and be attuned to His love. You will be comforted because the peace of the Lord surpasses all understanding.

Lift your eyes to the heavens and fill your soul with His peace. Problems that seemed insoluble will unravel and the solutions become so apparently simple.

Do not act on impulse. Take a deep breath and think things through calmly when things go wrong. Don't ruin all that is sweet and beautiful through explosive tempers.

Exercise self-control. Have a calm, yet confident demeanor and spread peace and contentment wherever you go. Develop the exquisite poise of serenity. Miracles don't happen when we're restless. They often come when we are quiet, calm and trusting. Let your mind and soul be at ease.

As God appoints my portion of the day, I try to have regular intervals of absolute silence and solitude. I have time alone to ask the questions in my heart and to hear the answers, as His words direct my life and guide my path anew. And, dear readers, I want this so much for you.

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Shimkus nominates 22 to service academies

By Steve Whitworth
Staff writer

U.S. Rep. John Shimkus, R-Collinsville, has nominated a total of 21 young men and women to four of the nation's military service academies.

Officials at the academies then make the final decisions on which nominees are accepted for appointments.

Each member of Congress is allowed to nominate up to 10 individuals to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.; the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.; and the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. There is no limit on nominees to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y.

As a graduate of West Point, I am particularly pleased to be able to nominate these fine young people to the academies," Shimkus said. "My time at the academy and in the Army was very beneficial to my post-military career choices."

"We seek written applications, ACT or SAT scores, and high school transcripts," Shimkus said. "One of the nominees, Adam N. Miller, 19, of Edwardsville, said he hopes to get into the

Naval Academy.

"I've wanted to go there since I was about 9 or 10 years old," he said.

Jonathan Bauser, 17, of Godfrey, a senior at Alton High School, said he wants to get into the Air Force Academy, where he hopes to become a fighter pilot.

Here is a list of the nominees from throughout the 20th Congressional District and the academies to which they are nominated:

Jonathan Bauser, Godfrey; Air Force and Merchant Marine.

Keith Beatty, Greenville; Air Force, Naval and Merchant Marine.

Brandon Booher, Hillsboro; Military and Naval.

Jeremy Brockman, Highland; Air Force and Naval.

Jewel Hand III, Bethalto; Air Force and Naval.

Eric Hanon, Centralia; Air Force and Merchant Marine.

Clinton Hopper, Kampsville; Merchant Marine and Naval.

John W. Jackson, Liberty; Military.

Clayton L. Johnson, Pittsfield; Military.

Thomas A. Johnson, Springfield; Naval.

Lucas Lease, Liberty; Military.

Brian Lohnes, Barry; Military.

R. Adam N. Miller, Edwardsville; Air Force, Military and Naval.

Ruth Anne Mitkos, Staunton; Air Force.

Paul M. Murphy, Bluford; Military and Naval.

Andrew Oestreich, Greenville; Military and Naval.

Luke J. Roberts, Farina; Air Force and Military.

Christopher M. Smith, Springfield; Air Force.

Anthony Vespa, Springfield; Naval.

Matthew R. Wallace, Edwardsville; Military.

Emily A. Williams, Troy; Air Force.



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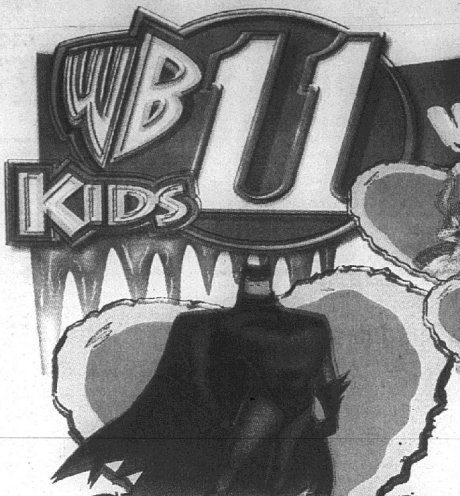
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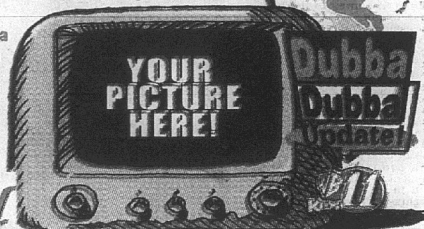
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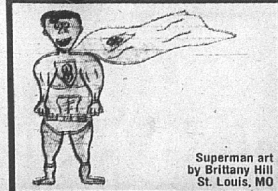
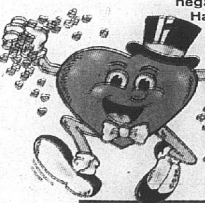
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Sherry Mason, Florissant, "I would try to help kids who did not have a home."
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8:00am Beast Wars	11:00am Voltron: The Third
8:30am RoboCop	Dimension
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2:30pm Jumanji	9:00am Beast Wars
3:30pm Pinky & the Brain	9:30am The Lionhearts (E/I)
4:00pm Warner Bros. Historical (E/I)	Sunday Evening
5:00pm New Batman/Superman	6:00 PM 7th Heaven
Adventures	7:00 PM Sister Sister
5:00pm Sister, Sister	7:30 PM Smart Guy
5:30pm Boy Meets World	Monday Evening
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Hot stove league

Mon-Clair makes
news in the winter

When it comes to the hot stove league — baseball discussions during the winter — few can match the Mon-Clair men's amateur league.

No need to wait for season opener in late May to make news, the M-C has lost two teams and added two, meaning seven teams again will compose the league that continues to survive in the face of everything from other summer leagues to the prospect of a minor league team in the Fairview Heights/O'Fallon area by 2000 as well as the normal tugging of other summer interests.



Art Voellinger

Sports Views

"The game of baseball just is not losing its appeal, and that explains why we are able to," M-C President Mel Patton said at a recent meeting in Millstadt.

At that meeting, Brighton was voted out, East Alton dropped out and Fairview Heights and Greenville were added.

The five returning teams are Granite City, Millstadt, Sauget, Valmeyer and Waterloo.

"We still consider ourselves the best men's league in the Midwest," Patton said, "and if you look at the demise of amateur baseball in St. Louis, you know we have a good product."

Patton said the quality of the product was one reason Greenville entered with what basically will be an extension of the Greenville College season.

Lya Carlson, the coach of the Greenville College team, also will coach the summer league team.

"Having him involved with both teams was reason to give him strong consideration by our league," Patton said.

Annually dominant in the summer Prairie State Games, the Mon-Clair League will continue to oppose the St. Louis Metro Collegians League in all-star action in July.

Wesley Knight will coach the Fairview Heights team, which competed on an independent basis last summer.

"They played against most of our teams last year and represented themselves well," said Patton. The loss of Brighton (2-20 in 1998) and East Alton (7-13) means the league will be minus its bottom two teams in the '99 standings, but Patton was quick to point to East Alton as a longtime, solid member.

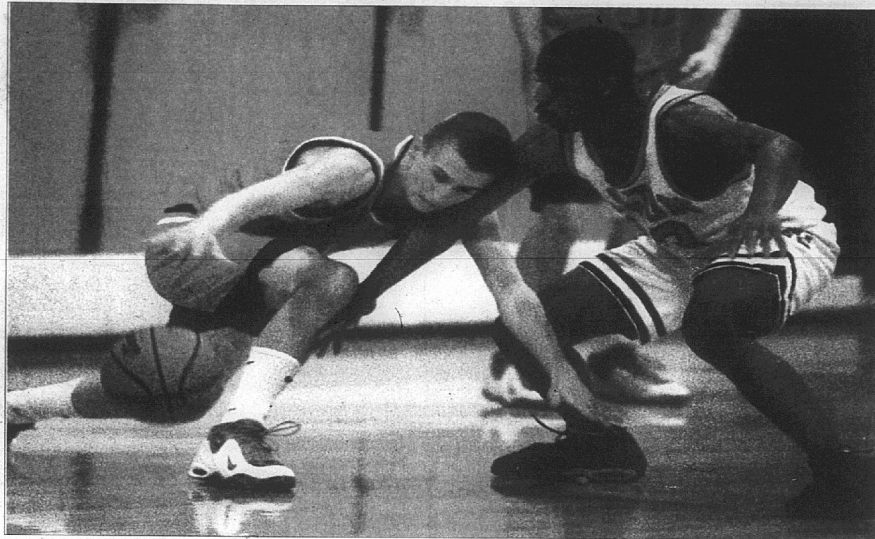
"East Alton and its manager, Jim Blackledge, have been synonymous with baseball for over 30 years," Patton said. "But when Jim indicated he did not intend to manage in the coming season, the sponsor (Fast Eddie's Bon-Air Room) declined backing the team."

In addition to claiming four M-C divisional titles, East Alton gained one playoff crown (1987) and was a playoff runner-up five times. The team also claimed Wednesday Nitte League titles and a Valmeyer Tourney crown as recently as 1997.

Extra innings

Dennis Dierkes, a retired St. Louis city policeman, is the new manager of Sauget Dierkes, who coached the St. Louis Hornets youth team

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Granite City senior Zack May (left) scored nine points Friday night in the Warriors' loss to Belleville East. Granite City fell to 12-10 overall and 2-5 in the Southwest Conference.

Lancers clamp down on Warriors Belleville East hits FTs in fourth quarter to maintain lead

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City and Belleville East locked horns, tightened the winch on the defensive end of the floor and engaged in some no-nonsense old-school basketball Friday night.

Belleville East, leading the Southwest Conference race, had just enough offensive kerosene in the lamp to fume past the Warriors 44-38.

The Lancers and Warriors played scoreless ball for the first four minutes of the fourth quarter and East maintained the 34-29 lead with which it ended the third quarter.

Granite City was forced to foul down the stretch and the Lancers made 10 of 16 from the line to take home the victory.

"Our defensive effort was there

tonight," East coach Doug McCrary said. "We had some mental breakdowns, but the defensive effort was pretty good. We only gave up 38 points and they hit a couple of those at the end or it would have been in the low 30s."

Aesthetically, the game was a far cry from the 61-46 barn-burner won by East at home earlier this year.

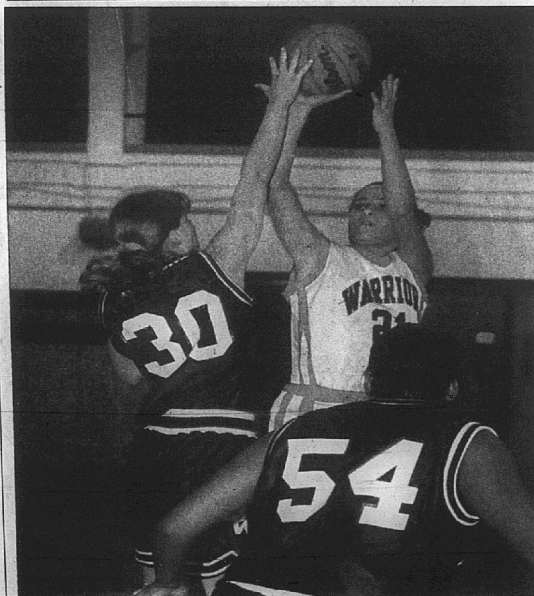
"We really don't sparkle here," McCrary said of Granite City. "For some reason, it's a tough place for us to play and I'm pretty pleased just coming away with a victory."

Our effort was there, but we had too many turnovers in the second half to beat a good team like Belleville East," Granite City coach John VanBuskirk said. "The name of the game was that we had some opportunities, they had the door open for us, and we didn't take advantage at the right time. The kids played extremely hard, they worked hard, they did everything they could, but

we just made some crucial mistakes." Belleville East used 17 points from junior Mark Mueller, usually assigned to the junior varsity squad. Meller came off the bench to hit three 3-pointers in the first half.

"You worry about all of their weapons and then they bring a junior varsity player off of the bench and he scores almost half of their points in the first half," VanBuskirk said. "That's a nice scenario for a team, to have those kind of weapons. We are not quick enough and we are working hard, but they have too many weapons. We are not quick enough and athletic enough to play them man-to-man and that was a pretty physical game. I think that was to our disadvantage."

Belleville East improved to 16-5 overall and has just one league loss. Matt Pistorius had 11 points to lead the Warriors, who fell to 12-10 overall and 2-5 in the SWC.



Granite City's Erika Todd, middle, shoots over Belleville West's Jaime Luggie (30) and Laricia Blockum (54).

Aaron's 2nd-half surge lifts Warriors past West

Granite City center scores 18
points in fourth quarter

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Things were looking grim for Granite City Thursday night.

The Warriors were trailing 26-19 at halftime against Belleville West and twin towers Laricia Blockum and Danielle Lawary.

But Debra Aaron scored 18 of her 22 points in the second half to lead the Warriors past the Maroons 59-50.

"At halftime I told them that we were down seven points and we only played about six minutes of basketball in the whole first half," Granite City coach John Moad said. "We stood around for ten minutes and we were only down seven points. I think they got some confidence out of that."

The Warriors tied the contest 37-37 at the end of the third quarter.

Increased defensive pressure in the fourth and Jess Wallace's mid-range jumper gave Granite City a 50-41 lead with four minutes to play.

"We weren't running anything in the first half," Moad said. "We spent the last three days working on offense just against this team, and we didn't run anything. The second half, the shots started to drop, and everybody that went in there made good decisions. Everybody that got in the game contributed. We made our run when Ashley Bogovich was in the game. She didn't score during the run, but she

was in there for it. Della Moore played well, Chris Withers was all over the place."

The Warriors had to battle not only the twin towers, but also foul problems. West was throwing bonus free throws in the last minute of the first quarter and made 10 of 12 tosses. Aaron was one of the players in trouble.

"Debra got into foul trouble and she came out in the first half and she was complaining that she was just getting into the game when I had to take her off," Moad said. "She had two fouls and I told her that we needed her in the game when it counts, in the third and fourth quarter. I think she understood that after we talked to her and boy, was she dominant in the second half. I think she outplayed their big girls offensively and defensively. For a girl who just started playing her sophomore year, that's incredible. What made that happen was Jess Wallace was hitting her shots from outside and that made them go out there and guard her and opened up some room for Debra."

Aaron's 22 points and 10 rebounds led the Warriors. Talker had 14 points and four boards. The backcourt had a mini-revival of its own: senior Jan Shanafelt had seven points, eight assists and two steals and junior Erika Todd had nine points, five assists and three steals.

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Illinois Warriors win again

Boast eight-game
unbeaten streak

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The Illinois Warriors spent a nervous few moments at the end of regulation Wednesday

but still managed to hold back

Althoff 5-4 in Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association play. John Stordahl took a cross-checking penalty with 1:41 left in the third period, but Granite City penalty killers and goaltender Brandon Rollins took care of business.

"We took a retaliation penalty late in the game that really put us back against the wall," Warriors coach Paul Solberger said. "The Crusaders scored the first goal of the game at 1:47 of the first period. But with 50 seconds to play in the first, Brett Solberger converted a pass by David Svezia to get the Warriors even at 1-1."

In the second period, the Warriors took their first lead on Jared Brown's wrist shot from a near-impossible angle at the outer rim of the right circle. Althoff tied it four minutes later, but Stordahl's turnaround wrist shot put the Warriors ahead for good.

Bobby Meszaros added two more goals for the Warriors, but Althoff countered each time to make it close.

"We played well enough to win," Solberger said. "I thought we had a fairly solid game. About half the kids caught the flu so they were sick, but they gave us what they had. Scotty (Bronnbauer) had the flu, so Brandon stopped up and played relatively well. He made the saves that he had to make, he

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Sports

MVCHA hockey results/schedules

Schedules for local teams in the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association. Rinks listed below in parentheses are: FH — the U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Fairview Heights; EA — East Alton; GC — Granite City; CA — Cahokia.

ALTOFF CRUSADERS
Overall record (11-6-2)

November	
16 vs. Belleville East (FH)	W 7-2
22 vs. Alton (EA)	L 0-2
28 vs. Roxana (EA)	W 10-3
29 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	L 2-3

December	
5 vs. Belleville West (FH)	W 2-0
6 vs. Marquette (EA)	W 3-4
13 vs. Collinsville (FH)	W 4-1
14 vs. Cahokia (FH)	W 3-4
22 vs. Edwardsville (FH)	W 3-1
27 vs. Granite City (FH)	W 3-3
29 vs. Belleville East (FH)	L 1-3

January	
3 vs. Alton (FH)	T 1-1
9 vs. Roxana (FH)	W 3-0
10 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	T 1-1
12 vs. Belleville West (FH)	L 1-2
18 vs. Alton-Marquette (FH)	W 3-4
23 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	W 4-1
24 vs. Collinsville (FH)	W 4-1
30 vs. Cahokia (CA)	W 4-1

February	
3 vs. Granite City (FH)	6:15 p.m.
6 vs. Civic Memorial (FH)	8:15 p.m.
13 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	4 p.m.

BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS
Overall record (7-9-3)

November	
14 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	L 3-7
16 vs. Alton (FH)	L 2-7
21 vs. Cahokia (CA)	L 1-4
28 vs. Civic Memorial (FH)	W 4-3
29 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA)	W 2-1

December	
5 vs. Collinsville (FH)	W 6-3
13 vs. Alton (FH)	W 4-3
10 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	L 2-2
20 vs. Belleville West (FH)	L 1-4
21 vs. Granite City (FH)	W 5-8
27 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	L 2-2
29 vs. Alton (FH)	W 3-1

January	
3 vs. Cahokia (FH)	T 4-4
7 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	L 0-4
10 vs. Alton-Marquette (FH)	T 2-2
19 vs. Collinsville (FH)	T 4-4
23 vs. Roxana (FH)	W 7-2
24 vs. Alton (EA)	L 0-5
27 vs. Granite City (GC)	L 1-6

February	
1 vs. Belleville West (FH)	7:45 p.m.
7 vs. Edwardsville (FH)	7:30 p.m.
11 vs. Roxana (EA)	7:15 p.m.

BELLEVILLE WEST MAROONS
Overall record (8-10-1)

November	
17 vs. Cahokia (FH)	T 4-4
22 vs. Collinsville (FH)	L 0-3
24 vs. Edwardsville (FH)	T 3-3
26 vs. Civic Memorial (FH)	W 3-1

December	
5 vs. Alton (FH)	L 0-2
7 vs. Alton-Marquette (FH)	W 3-0
13 vs. Alton (EA)	W 3-1
13 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	L 6-3



Granite City's Bill Cahill, left, battles with a Belleville West player for a loose puck along the boards.

16 vs. Granite City (GC)	L 2-4
20 vs. Belleville East (FH)	W 4-1
26 vs. Cahokia (CA)	W 2-0
27 vs. Roxana (EA)	W 6-5

January	
3 vs. Collinsville (FH)	L 1-5
7 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	W 3-1
12 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA)	L 0-1
17 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA)	L 1-5
23 vs. Alton (FH)	L 1-2
30 vs. Granite City (FH)	L 2-3

February	
1 vs. Belleville East (FH)	7:45 p.m.
6 vs. Roxana (FH)	5:45 p.m.
21 vs. Belleville East (EA)	7:15 p.m.

CAHOKIA COMANCHES
Overall record (6-9-5)

November	
15 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA)	L 3-4
17 vs. Belleville West (FH)	T 4-4
21 vs. Belleville East (EA)	W 4-1
28 vs. Granite City (CA)	T 2-2

December	
5 vs. O'Fallon (CA)	W 2-0
6 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	W 2-4
12 vs. Roxana (CA)	W 4-1
14 vs. Alton (FH)	L 1-4
19 vs. Alton-Marquette (CA)	L 1-3
20 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	L 4-6
26 vs. Belleville West (CA)	L 0-2
27 vs. Collinsville (FH)	W 4-0

January	
2 vs. Alton (CA)	L 2-5
3 vs. Belleville East (FH)	T 4-4
9 vs. Civic Memorial (CA)	W 3-3

13 vs. Granite City (GC)	T 4-4
16 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	L 2-4
17 vs. Roxana (EA)	W 5-2
23 vs. Edwardsville (CA)	T 2-2
30 vs. Alton (FH)	L 1-4

February	
6 vs. Collinsville (CA)	5:15 p.m.
14 vs. Alton (EA)	8:45 p.m.

December	
5 vs. Roxana (FH)	W 3-2
12 vs. Collinsville (EA)	W 5-2
13 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	W 3-1
17 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA)	W 2-1
20 vs. Cahokia (EA)	W 6-4
22 vs. Alton (FH)	L 1-3
27 vs. Belleville East (EA)	W 2-0
30 vs. Granite City (GC)	L 2-3

January	
1 vs. Roxana (EA)	T 4-4
3 vs. O'Fallon (EA)	L 3-5
7 vs. Belleville West (EA)	L 1-3
10 vs. Alton (EA)	L 4-5
13 vs. Collinsville (FH)	W 5-2
23 vs. Cahokia (CA)	T 2-2
30 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA)	T 2-2

February	
7 vs. Belleville East (FH)	7:30 p.m.
13 vs. Alton (EA)	4 p.m.

November	
21 vs. Mascoutah (FH)	W 4-2
23 vs. Wood River (FH)	W 6-2

December	
1 vs. Highland (FH)	W 8-0

November	
18 vs. Alton-Marquette (GC)	W 5-4
19 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	L 4-3
24 vs. Collinsville (FH)	L 3-4
28 vs. Cahokia (CA)	T 2-2

December	
2 vs. O'Fallon (GC)	L 3-6
5 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	W 10-0
9 vs. Roxana (GC)	W 10-0
16 vs. Belleville West (GC)	W 4-2
21 vs. Belleville East (FH)	L 1-4
23 vs. Alton (GC)	L 1-4
27 vs. Alton (FH)	W 5-1
30 vs. Edwardsville (GC)	W 3-2

January	
6 vs. Collinsville (GC)	L 2-7
8 vs. Alton (EA)	T 1-1
9 vs. Cahokia (GC)	T 4-4
17 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	W 4-2
21 vs. Civic Memorial (GC)	W 5-1
24 vs. Roxana (EA)	W 5-1
27 vs. Belleville East (EA)	W 6-1
30 vs. Belleville West (FH)	W 3-2

February	
3 vs. Alton (FH)	6:15 p.m.
13 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA)	6:30 p.m.

November	
18 vs. Alton-Marquette (GC)	W 5-4
19 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	L 4-3
24 vs. Collinsville (FH)	L 3-4
28 vs. Cahokia (CA)	T 2-2

December	
2 vs. O'Fallon (GC)	L 3-6
5 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	W 10-0
9 vs. Roxana (GC)	W 10-0
16 vs. Belleville West (GC)	W 4-2
21 vs. Belleville East (FH)	L 1-4
23 vs. Alton (GC)	L 1-4
27 vs. Alton (FH)	W 5-1
30 vs. Edwardsville (GC)	W 3-2

January	
6 vs. Collinsville (GC)	L 2-7
8 vs. Alton (EA)	T 1-1
9 vs. Cahokia (GC)	T 4-4
17 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	W 4-2
21 vs. Civic Memorial (GC)	W 5-1
24 vs. Roxana (EA)	W 5-1
27 vs. Belleville East (EA)	W 6-1
30 vs. Belleville West (FH)	W 3-2

February	
3 vs. Alton (FH)	6:15 p.m.
13 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA)	6:30 p.m.

November	
18 vs. Alton-Marquette (GC)	W 5-4
19 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	L 4-3
24 vs. Collinsville (FH)	L 3-4
28 vs. Cahokia (CA)	T 2-2

December	
2 vs. O'Fallon (GC)	L 3-6
5 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	W 10-0
9 vs. Roxana (GC)	W 10-0
16 vs. Belleville West (GC)	W 4-2
21 vs. Belleville East (FH)	L 1-4
23 vs. Alton (GC)	L 1-4
27 vs. Alton (FH)	W 5-1
30 vs. Edwardsville (GC)	W 3-2

January	
6 vs. Collinsville (GC)	L 2-7
8 vs. Alton (EA)	T 1-1
9 vs. Cahokia (GC)	T 4-4
17 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	W 4-2
21 vs. Civic Memorial (GC)	W 5-1
24 vs. Roxana (EA)	W 5-1
27 vs. Belleville East (EA)	W 6-1
30 vs. Belleville West (FH)	W 3-2

February	
3 vs. Alton (FH)	6:15 p.m.
13 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA)	6:30 p.m.

November	
18 vs. Alton-Marquette (GC)	W 5-4
19 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	L 4-3
24 vs. Collinsville (FH)	L 3-4
28 vs. Cahokia (CA)	T 2-2

December	
2 vs. O'Fallon (GC)	L 3-6
5 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	W 10-0
9 vs. Roxana (GC)	W 10-0
16 vs. Belleville West (GC)	W 4-2
21 vs. Belleville East (FH)	L 1-4
23 vs. Alton (GC)	L 1-4
27 vs. Alton (FH)	W 5-1
30 vs. Edwardsville (GC)	W 3-2

January	
6 vs. Collinsville (GC)	L 2-7
8 vs. Alton (EA)	T 1-1
9 vs. Cahokia (GC)	T 4-4
17 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	W 4-2
21 vs. Civic Memorial (GC)	W 5-1
24 vs. Roxana (EA)	W 5-1
27 vs. Belleville East (EA)	W 6-1
30 vs. Belleville West (FH)	W 3-2

February	
3 vs. Alton (FH)	6:15 p.m.
13 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA)	6:30 p.m.

November	
18 vs. Alton-Marquette (GC)	W 5-4
19 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	L 4-3
24 vs. Collinsville (FH)	L 3-4
28 vs. Cahokia (CA)	T 2-2

December	
2 vs. O'Fallon (GC)	L 3-6
5 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	W 10-0
9 vs. Roxana (GC)	W 10-0
16 vs. Belleville West (GC)	W 4-2
21 vs. Belleville East (FH)	L 1-4
23 vs. Alton (GC)	L 1-4
27 vs. Alton (FH)	W 5-1
30 vs. Edwardsville (GC)	W 3-2

January	
6 vs. Collinsville (GC)	L 2-7
8 vs. Alton (EA)	T 1-1
9 vs. Cahokia (GC)	T 4-4
17 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	W 4-2
21 vs. Civic Memorial (GC)	W 5-1
24 vs. Roxana (EA)	W 5-1
27 vs. Belleville East (EA)	W 6-1
30 vs. Belleville West (FH)	W 3-2

February	
3 vs. Alton (FH)	6:15 p.m.
13 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA)	6:30 p.m.

5 vs. Piasa Southwestern (EA)	T 3-3
8 vs. Waterloo (FH)	W 7-3
12 vs. Jerseyville (EA)	W 5-3
13 vs. Jerseyville (EA)	W 5-3
15 vs. Mascoutah (FH)	W 5-4
20 vs. Triad (FH)	W 4-1
26 vs. Wood River (EA)	W 3-1
26 vs. Highland (EA)	W 6-3

January	
4 vs. Piasa Southwestern (FH)	W 3-2
9 vs. Waterloo (FH)	W 4-3
12 vs. Jerseyville (FH)	W 4-3
17 vs. Mascoutah (FH)	W 2-0
18 vs. Triad (FH)	W 2-0
25 vs. Wood River (FH)	W 3-0
26 vs. Highland (FH)	W 5-0

February	
7 vs. Waterloo (FH)	4:30 p.m.

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS Overall record (11-6-3)
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November	
18 vs. Alton-Marquette (GC)	W 5-4
19 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	L 4-3
24 vs. Collinsville (FH)	L 3-4
28 vs. Cahokia (CA)	T 2-2

December	
2 vs. O'Fallon (GC)	L 3-6
5 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	W 10-0
9 vs. Roxana (GC)	W 10-0
16 vs. Belleville West (GC)	W 4-2
21 vs. Belleville East (FH)	L 1-4
23 vs. Alton (GC)	L 1-4
27 vs. Alton (FH)	W 5-1
30 vs. Edwardsville (GC)	W 3-2

January	
6 vs. Collinsville (GC)	L 2-7
8 vs. Alton (EA)	T 1-1
9 vs. Cahokia (GC)	T 4-4
17 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	W 4-2
21 vs. Civic Memorial (GC)	W 5-1
24 vs. Roxana (EA)	W 5-1
27 vs. Belleville East (EA)	W 6-1
30 vs. Belleville West (FH)	W 3-2

February	
3 vs. Alton (FH)	6:15 p.m.
13 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA)	6:30 p.m.

MASCOUTAH INDIANS Overall record (7-9-2)

November	
21 vs. Freeburg (FH)	L 2-4
22 vs. Waterloo (EA)	L 2-4
25 vs. Piasa Southwestern (GC)	L 3-6
29 vs. Jerseyville (FH)	W 2-1

December	
6 vs. Highland (EA)	W 8-0
8 vs. Triad (FH)	L 2-4
13 vs. Wood River (EA)	W 7-1
15 vs. Freeburg (FH)	W 4-5
19 vs. Waterloo (FH)	T 3-3
26 vs. Jerseyville (EA)	W 4-3

January	
2 vs. Piasa Southwestern (FH)	L 0-2
5 vs. Highland (FH)	W 5-1
11 vs. Triad (FH)	T 1-1
17 vs. Freeburg (FH)	L 1-3
19 vs. Freeburg (FH)	L 0-2
26 vs. Jerseyville (FH)	L 1-4
28 vs. Piasa Southwestern (EA)	W 3-4

February	
6 vs. Wood River (EA)	5:30 p.m.
7 vs. Triad (FH)	6 p.m.
14 vs. Highland (FH)	6 p.m.

O'FALLON PANTHERS Overall record (14-3-3)
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November	
21 vs. Mascoutah (FH)	W 4-2
23 vs. Triad (FH)	W 4-1
26 vs. Wood River (FH)	W 6-2

December	
1 vs. Highland (FH)	W 8-0

November	
18 vs. Alton-Marquette (GC)	W 5-4
19 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	L 4-3
24 vs. Collinsville (FH)	L 3-4
28 vs. Cahokia (CA)	T 2-2

December	
2 vs. O'Fallon (GC)	L 3-6
5 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	W 10-0
9 vs. Roxana (GC)	W 10-0
16 vs. Belleville West (GC)	W 4-2
21 vs. Belleville East (FH)	L 1-4
23 vs. Alton (GC)	L 1-4
27 vs. Alton (FH)	W 5-1
30 vs. Edwardsville (GC)	W 3-2

January	
6 vs. Collinsville (GC)	L 2-7
8 vs. Alton (EA)	T 1-1
9 vs. Cahokia (GC)	T 4-4
17 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	W 4-2
21 vs. Civic Memorial (GC)	W 5-1
24 vs. Roxana (EA)	W 5-1
27 vs. Belleville East (EA)	W 6-1
30 vs. Belleville West (FH)	W 3-2

February	
3 vs. Alton (FH)	6:15 p.m.
13 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA)	6:30 p.m.

November	
18 vs. Alton-Marquette (GC)	W 5-4
19 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	L 4-3
24 vs. Collinsville (FH)	L 3-4
28 vs. Cahokia (CA)	T 2-2

Illinois Warriors amid unbeaten streak

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cameup big a couple of times late in the game."

The Warriors picked a perfect time to hold senior night.

"This is probably the best game Robyn Slater has had," Solberger said of his senior defenseman. "She really stepped up with her regular partner, Billy Cahill, out with a suspension. We moved her to a different side of the ice and she had an excellent game. Jared

Brown jumped up and played a good hockey game. This was his last home game as a senior.

The Svezia-Solberger-Stordahl line came up big and scored big goals. Bobby Meszaros had a good second-effort goal where he worked the puck. We were short, and we were hurting for players and Tim (Knowlton) and Matt (Salzman) jumped in there and gave the other kids a chance to catch their breath.

The Warriors again showcased their ability to win despite lapses in

concentration.

"That's what good teams do," Solberger said. "They have an off night, or kids are sick or injured, and they still find ways to win. That's the most important thing, finding a way to handle the cards that are dealt to you and suck it up and come out and give you an effort. You love to see that this time of the year because we have one game left, and if we win that game, we clinch the Northern Division, nobody can catch us. This was a big, important game for us to win at home and finish strong."

The win extended the Warriors' unbeaten streak to eight games and solidified their position atop the Northern Division with a 12-3 record.

"We were pretty solid," Solberger said. "I thought we attacked them well. I'm satisfied with our effort. With everybody being sick, we had five kids miss

practice Monday night because of the flu, but they sucked up. This is what first-place teams have to do to maintain it. They have to suck it up and play good hockey when they are short-handed."

The Warriors have a ten-day vacation before finishing the regular season Feb. 13 against Marquette at Fairview Heights.

"They are reeling a little bit," Solberger said. "They got beat by Collinsville the other night and they have to play some games in a short period of time. Hopefully we can come out and we can clinch the division. We want to come out strong for the playoffs and try to get rested and get the kids healthy. I think our schedule really helps us, having ten days off to try and get the kids over the hump and get some hop back in their legs."

Warriors top Belleville East

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"Jess Wallace, Debra Aaron and Jan Shanafelt were leaders out there tonight, they took charge on the court," Moad said. "When I put Erika Todd in the game I told her that we needed a spark from her and she did just that. She has played better, but she gave us what we needed tonight, which was a spark. She makes a lot of things happen."

This was the second time the Warriors have beaten the Maroons this season. The first came in the Warriors' third conference game of the season and helped spark the resurrection of a program that flatlined at 3-20 last year.

"I think we match up well with them because we are a little bit quicker than they are," Moad said. "They are a different type of team, they are a big team. We have trouble with them underneath. Coach (Larry) Betz does a nice job of getting his big girls involved in the offense. They look for them."

"I thought we did a pretty

good job of containing them tonight. They got their points, but they didn't beat us. They are beating some very good teams. They beat Edwardsville, they lost on a last-second shot to Collinsville, they lost at East St. Louis by six points. That's a good team we've beaten twice now. That's a feather in our cap."

The Warriors played at Belleville East on Friday. They will host Alton and East St. Louis Monday and Tuesday, respectively, to end the season.

"We're 12-11 and we're fighting to stay above .500," Moad said. "What more can you ask of the girls? They put it on the line tonight. Everything clicked, and I think they are going to play with confidence from here on out. I don't have enough good things to say about them."

"These next few games we know we have a chance to win," Moad said. "We know we can play better against East St. Louis. They are beating some very good teams, but we are beating these teams now."

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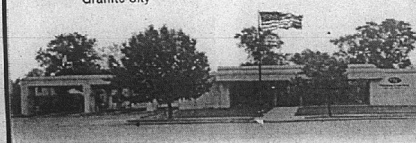
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Sports

Whitaker signs with Iowa State University

By Scott Marlon
Staff writer

Chris Whitaker is keeping the Crusaders tradition alive. Although High School has produced a long line of NCAA Division I football players, and Whitaker became the latest Wednesday when he signed a letter of intent to play next season at Iowa State

University. "I visited Iowa State Dec. 4 and made an oral commitment the week before Christmas," said Whitaker, a 6-foot-1, 205-pound linebacker who also considered Illinois State, Southwest Missouri, Purdue, Boston College, Kansas State and Missouri.

"The best conference in college football today is the Big 12," Whitaker said. "It has big-time stadiums, games on

television and the best competition. I started playing football in eighth grade and loved it. By my sophomore year, my goal was to play D-I football."

In other football signings Wednesday, four Southwestern Conference football players made commitments to NCAA Division I schools. Eastern Illinois, an NCAA Division I-AA school, landed Collinsville lineman Nathan

York and East St. Louis lineman Damien McCortrell. Edwardsville lineman Matt Schell signed with Illinois State, also a Division I-AA school.

Belleville East quarterback Tony Patterson signed with the University of Minnesota. As a senior at East, Patterson threw for more than 1,100 yards and connected on 11 touchdown passes as the Lancers (6-4) qualified for the IHSA Class 6A playoffs.

Mon-Clair League makes news in winter

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for several years, also was an assistant coach at Harris-Stowe College....

Waterloo slugger Neil Fiala, the baseball coach at Belleville Area College, is the new commissioner of the St. Louis Metro Collegians League. Teams in that wood bat league will play a 30-game schedule from June to mid-July....

Among those attending the recent M-C meeting was Jim Shepard, who is interested in forming a team in Edwardsville after having coached at Troy. The next Mon-Clair meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8 at the Millstadt KC Club.

Ambush cheerleaders offers clinic for ages 4-18

Aspiring cheerleaders between the ages of 4-18 get an opportunity to learn how to cheer with the St. Louis Ambush Dancers.

The event benefits the Muscular Dystrophy Association of St. Louis.

Participants learn the finer points of cheerleading and dance at a clinic and have an opportunity to perform with the Ambush dancers at the Kiel Center during the March 5 Ambush soccer game.

Clinics are slated for Feb. 21 and Feb. 28 at Henry VIII Hotel and Conference Center at 4690 N. Lindbergh. The cost is \$25 for girls 4-6 and \$35 for girls 7 years and older. Each participant receives commemorative pom poms and a T-shirt. Those interested must register in advance by call the Ambush Dancers office at 314-339-5900 or MDA/St. Louis at 314-962-0023.

Golf tourney

The Legacy Golf Course will play host to a St. Patrick three-person scramble on March 13. The cost is \$50. For more information, call 931-4653 or (314) 726-4653.

Basketball tourney

The second annual Eagle Pride Shootout basketball tournaments will be played in Bethalto. Girls fifth- and sixth-grade tournaments will be Feb. 26-28, while boys fifth- and sixth-grade tournaments will be March 5-7. The event features teams

from throughout the region, and spaces are available for additional teams. A free throw contest will be held and an all-tournament team will be selected from each age group. Tournament shirts and team pictures will be available for participating teams.

Last year's event included more than 36 teams in the four tournaments. The entry fee is \$50 per team with a two-game guarantee. Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers and consolation champions in each division. The entry deadline is Feb. 10. For more information, call Robyn Dreith at 377-9422.

Softball tourney

A girls indoor fastpitch

softball tournament will be held March 12-14 at the Ball Park Sports Center in O'Fallon. There is a four-game guarantee with a one-hour time limit. For an application or more information, call Rick at 624-6837.

Football camp

St. Louis Rams wide receiver Isaac Bruce will conduct a youth instructional football camp June 5-9 at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. The camp is for boys age 8-18.

Among the players expected to participate: Kevin Carter, Ernie Conwell, Toby Wright, Erick Harris, Aaron Laine, Ray Agnew, Ricky Proehl and

Kurt Warner

Overnight housing is available. For more information, call 1-800-555-0801.

Swim clinic

The Seahawks swim team will offer a six-week stroke clinic for summer swimmers beginning Tuesday, April 6. Sessions will be offered at 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Swimmers must be able to swim a 25-yard freestyle and backstroke.

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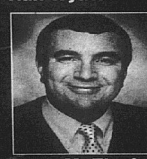
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'A Simple Plan' haunting picture

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What would make you steal? What if the money didn't belong to anyone anymore, and no one will ever find out, and your family desperately needs it?

If you're thinking about it, then answer this: Under what circumstances would you conspire against your family? Frame someone? Murder an innocent man? Most people are shocked at such considerations, and respond indignantly that they would NEVER do such things, that crimes are committed by different sorts of people. But under the right set of circumstances — the promise of wealth or a life-and-death crisis — people are capable of

decisions they could never have contemplated.

This is the premise of Sam Raimi's superlative tragedy "A Simple Plan," one of the best films of the year. The ads for the film perfectly capture the premise — "Sometimes good people do evil things."

Hank (Bill Paxton) leads a modest life in a small Minnesota town. A quietly decent man on a first-name basis with everyone, he is the college-educated farmer's son, with a job as the accountant of a feed store. His wife Sarah (Bridget Fonda) is expecting their first child. His main headache in life is his dull-witted, unemployed brother Jacob (Billy Bob Thornton) and Jacob's only friend Lou (St. Louisan Brent Briscoe). One New Year's Eve, Jacob and Lou go driving through the vast snowy

countryside, and Hank reluctantly goes along. A fox darting out in the road leads to a crash, an impromptu fox hunt, and the discovery of a plane wreckage under the snow. The plane contains a crow-eaten pilot and a giant bag of hundred-dollar bills.

Hank, the white sheep of the group, initially wants to tell the police, while Lou insists the package must be drug money and fair game. The three decide to sit on the money for now, until the spring thaw reveals the plane and the news reveals its origin.

But the affliction of riches unfolds these characters over the course of a Minnesota winter, peeling away pretense and revealing old loyalties and jealousies. Hank possesses untapped oceans of hypocrisy and manipulation. Sarah's stern morality shifts fluidly into well-intentioned aversion. Jacob, initially the comedy relief, reveals levels of insight and quiet wisdom no

one imagined.

This is a great American tragedy, reminiscent of "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre" — and even more strongly reminiscent of a highly underrated recent sleeper, "Shallow Grave." Raimi has until now specialized in stylish but overrated slasher movies and other Z-grade fodder, but with this movie he finally lives up to his cult reputation as a suspense crafter.

Paxton is cast somewhat against type as a morally straightlaced, mundane character, but is believable. The best thing about "A Simple Plan" is that it is not content merely to be a thriller — it takes us into their thoughts and a culture and a set of people and makes us understand them, takes us into their thoughts and their world. It deserves to be noticed at the Oscars.

It is a haunting film that stays with you long after you have left the theater.

Horoscope

SUNDAY, FEB. 7

The Scorpio moon is sexy and mysterious, which is lovely for our romantic life. It's easy to capture and hold someone's attention if he or she thinks you have a burning secret — don't feel you must voice everything.



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Saying what is on your mind doesn't always bring happy results. The Scorpio moon can strengthen your willpower, too. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 7). You've got the magic touch in love this year. Just be careful what you wish for — your happiness is dependent on just one person, and that's you. Dream big in March, and you'll reach a higher career aim. Large purchases improve living conditions. Spring relationship commitments are lucky.

By July, you are well on your way to a major career change. ARIES (March 21-April 19). Others envy what you take for granted. Stop being so hard on yourself. You've got the way to someone's heart but may be too afraid of being hurt to follow the trail. Understand that not getting your way makes you stronger.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Kindness and generosity prevail. Unveil inner darkness to someone you trust or write about it in a diary. There is no way to ignore your whole self. Bring what is distasteful to light, and ask for forgiveness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Pay attention to detail. A hold on your love life is lifted. Don't wait for a timing point in educational matters, love affairs or relationships — make it happen! Change inner dialogues to reflect a higher self-esteem. CANCER (June 22-July 22). You can make a huge difference in the lives of those close to you, though you may never know how or why. Someone you know is in denial, but it's not your job to dispel it. Seek out companions who give you confidence.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your assistance is valued wherever you bestow it. In matters of love, you don't always have the answers — sometimes silence is best. You've unfairly disciplined a child; apologize. You could get in on a business now forming.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Allow a loved one more personal freedom if you want this relationship to grow. Display self-discipline. You are a powerful role model for children. Don't allow relatives to criticize you. Spend time on large projects.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Others may make you think you are unreasonable, but your needs are valid. Be resourceful when others are scrambling for costly fixes. Charity is irresistible. Stop feeling like you need to always foot the bill.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Family gatherings are joy-filled; even short talks go well. Your creativity gets better as you learn more, so don't be so hard on early efforts. Services are paid for with something more meaningful than money.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Feeling off balance? Don't worry about tomorrow. Somehow, you always land on your feet. A co-worker is an inspiration on the job, but give yourself plenty of credit as well. Your lucky numbers are 3, 39, 42 and 46.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Sometimes, it feels as though you waste efforts on people who cannot value your return favors, appreciation or affection. This is a good time to remember that giving is its own gift. Make your own magic to grace your love life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you are still using old-fashioned methods to get things done, put technology to practical use in your life. A financial bonus follows sheer luck. Exercise yields far-reaching rewards, so keep moving.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Since appearances are often deceiving, it's a good day to make few conclusions, if any. Supervisors may turn the heat on. A co-worker makes a romantic gesture. Let a loved one have enough space.

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Editor's note: This is the first in a series of weekly columns by Susanne Fogle, public awareness and education coordinator for the Association for the Protection of Animals in Granite City. Comments and letters can be sent to P.O. Box 1311, Granite City, 62040, or by calling the APA at 931-7030.

By Susanne Fogle

I find myself walking through the Association for the Protection of Animals shelter for the first time and I see them everywhere — kittens and puppies, cats and dogs — their questioning eyes peering at me from the every nook and cranny.

The dogs mostly look desperate, like a child begging an overwhelmed parent: "Please, please, oh please, pretty please, will you read 'Green Eggs and Ham' one more time?"

"Sam I am."

They wiggle and bark and yearn with their eyes for someone, anyone, to want them.

The cats, on the other hand, are more contemplative. They stare at me lazily. It's as if they've all decided there's nothing to do but wait anyway, so why make a big fuss?

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My mind flashes back to a time several years ago when I watched a panhandler reach out to an impeccably dressed man in much the same way.

"Hey pal, can you spare a buck?"

The man didn't really refuse the panhandler, he simply did not acknowledge him at all. His stride and speed seemed to increase in direct proportion to his ever-decreasing ability to hear, and he continued on his way without so much as a sideward glance.

I remember wondering how many times that fatigued old guy would have to reach out to strangers before he got enough money for a decent meal.

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Anyone interested in attending the seminar should contact Pastor Gary Motta of Niedringhaus United Methodist

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• Additional mulch may have to be added to your landscape beds now if your original mulch has been washed out or blown away during the winter. Roots of plants can still be damaged by soil heaving.

• If you own a greenhouse, you can begin sowing the seeds for vegetables and annuals such as tomatoes, peppers, impatiens and begonias.

• Check any dahlias you may have been overwintering. For best performance this summer, the dahlias should not be allowed to totally dry out while in storage. Mist the mixture lightly if it is very dry.

• When repotting annuals that were brought inside last fall, inspect them for signs of insects or disease. Don't forget to inspect the roots, too.

• Don't forget Valentine's Day is coming up in a week. A beautiful houseplant makes a great gift. Check them out at Frank's while the selection's still good.

• Now's a good time to force branches of spring flowering shrubs such as forsythia, crabapple and pussy willow into bloom. Place branches in a container of water in a cool area with low light. When the buds start to swell, move them into bright light.

• If you notice the foliage on rhododendrons curling when temperatures dip below 30°F, it's a normal, natural occurrence. This helps the plants conserve water.

• If you have some old seed packets and are wondering whether or not

they're still good, there's an easy way to find out. Place a few seeds on a paper towel and keep it moist for two weeks. See how many have germinated. This will give you a good idea of the amount of germination you can expect from the entire package. If none or not enough germinate, there are plenty of fresh seeds available at Frank's.

• If you plan on using old containers for planting this year, be sure to clean them out thoroughly. Use a mixture of one part household bleach to nine parts of water. Rinse thoroughly.

• Check burlap screens to make sure they're still protecting shrubs from winter's chilling winds.

• Draw up a site plan of your property to help in your landscaping. With a drawing that has some degree of accuracy, it's easy to decide what you want and where. Computer software for this purpose is available, and it makes it much easier. Moving pieces of paper or computer images is much easier on the back than doing so with the real thing. Don't forget to include the locations of any utility lines, pipes, etc. in your drawing.

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Young at Heart dinner held after rescheduling

The Young at Heart senior citizens organization of Holy Family Catholic Church, due to the ice and snow in December, held their Christmas dinner on Jan. 18 in the church community center.

President Cleola Siebert welcomed members and guests. Prayers were offered by the Rev. Bill Fisher, who also presented Cleola Siebert with a special senior award for all of her years of work she has done for the church.

A buffet dinner was served by Petri's Catering service to 66 members and guests. The following priests and sisters were guests and were recognized for their contributions to the different parishes.

The Rev. William Fisher, Sister Jean Patrick, Sister Donna Marie, Sister Linda Mary and Sister Dolores and Sister Stanley.

Due to the generosity of Irwin Chapel mortuary, each Young at Heart member received a Christmas favor. Entertainment was provided by the versatile John Huff.

Temperance meeting held

The January meeting of the Granite City Women's Christian Temperance Union was held at the Central Free Methodist Church Fellowship Hall Monday, Jan. 25, at 6:30 p.m. A supper was served to the group. President Elizabeth Finley, called the meeting to order. The song, "The Family of God" was sung, and the pledges to the American, Christian and Temperance Unions were given. Arthur Cariss gave a devotional based on a prayer of St. Paul's found in II Corinthians 12.

The program for the evening was the showing of the video, "The Truth about Drinking." It showed the effects of alcohol on the brain and the consequence of drinking which resulted in three teenagers being killed.

This month, the WCTU plans to go to the Madison County Detention Home for a program.

1969 graduates schedule reunion

Granite City High School graduating class of 1969 will hold its 30-year reunion July 31 at the Collinsville Convention Center.

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Gas prices dropped to 1979 levels

By Rick Stoff

Roll back the clock again — gasoline prices keep going down. Gas prices recorded in January were the cheapest since as far back as 1979, according to the American Automobile Association.

Nationally, self-service unleaded regular gasoline averaged 97.9 cents per gallon in January, down 18.1 cents from the price last year. Regular gasoline averaged 92.2 cents in the Midwest in January, 2.9 cents cheaper than the same time in 1998.

The cheapest gallon of gas in the country was sold in the Southeast at 90.7 cents. The most expensive gallon was sold in the Western states at \$1.09. Other regions and per-gallon prices were: New England, \$1.02; Mid-Atlantic, 97.2 cents; Great Lakes, 96 cents; and Southwest, 93.5 cents.

Over the previous few years, the January national average for a gallon of unleaded regular was \$1.16 in 1996; \$1.29 in 1997; \$1.14 in 1998; \$1.13 in 1995; \$1.06 in 1994; and \$1.10 in 1993.

Don't waste the money you save on gas to buy an international driver's license unless you're planning to drive in a foreign country, says the American Automobile Association.

AAA says some web sites on the Internet are offering international licenses for as much as \$300, with the suggestion they can be used by people whose state driver's licenses have been revoked.

However, AAA says, international driving permits or inter-American driving permits can be obtained easily for just \$10. AAA says it is one of two organizations authorized by the U.S. State Department to issue the permits. However, the permits are not recognized for use in the countries that issue them. So American citizens who have trouble keeping a license in their own state cannot use the international permit as a valid authorization to drive.

America loves sports, and one of the sports it loves is cars going fast. According to a Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. annual survey of major U.S. auto races, attendance increased 1.3 percent in 1998. Total live attendance was 17.1 million for races by 12 national series tracked by Goodyear.

The NASCAR Winston Cup stock car racing series led the country with total attendance of 6.3 million fans at 33 races. CART champ cars were second with 2.5 million fans attending 19 events. The NHRA drag racing circuit drew 2.2 spectators to 22 race weekends.

A suggestion for a bumper sticker, delivered courtesy of chairmen, "Be an organ donor, unbuckle your seat belt."

Firebird Trans Am is power personified

By Tom Strongman

Engine: 5.7-liter, DOHC V-8
Transmission: Six-speed
Wheelbase: 101.1 inches
Curb Weight: 3,397 pounds
Base Price: \$26,175
Price as Driven: \$30,015
MPG Rating: 19 city, 28 highway

Pontiac's Firebird Trans Am, especially the Ram Air version, swaggers like a bully, bulges like a weightlifter in spandex and oozes with raw power.

Unfortunately, it also is showing its age, and there is some debate as to whether a new model will be forthcoming. The same applies to its Chevrolet twin, the Camaro.

The muscle car segment really only has one other player besides the Firebird and Camaro, and that's the Ford Mustang, which just got a face lift for 1999. The Mustang got a boost of horsepower to match its fancy new clothes, but the Firebird still has an edge in the horsepower department.

Last year the Firebird was fitted with the LS1, a new V-8 derived from the one in the Corvette. It is standard on the Trans Am, Trans Am convertible and Firebird Formula coupe. The base Firebird coupe gets a 200-horse, 3.8-liter V-6.

The 5.7-liter gem belts out 305 horsepower in standard form, and 320 when equipped with the Ram Air package, a \$3,150 option. The Ram Air package feeds a deep breath of

fresh air directly to the fuel injection system through two large nostrils on the hood. It romps up to 60 mph in less than six seconds. Seventeen-inch chrome wheels and speed-rated tires also are part of the package.

While the Ram Air package is pretty gaudy to me, it's hard to argue with its results. Twist the key and you're greeted by a bark from the exhaust so sharp that it sends a shiver up your spine. This car makes serious horsepower and everyone within earshot knows it.

Grab the fat, leather-covered shift lever and heave it into first gear. Shifting is heavy and direct. Unless you take off swiftly, the skip-shift feature automatically forces you to shift from first directly to fourth, which is truly maddening. Fifth and sixth gears are both overdrive ratios for relaxed cruising.

The clutch is heavy enough that you are likely to find yourself shipping the gear lever into neutral at long stop lights. Given this engine's prodigious torque, I prefer the automatic transmission for its ease of driving.

In spite of changes to the shock absorber valving, the front-engine, rear-drive Firebird still rides fairly stiffly, but it does corner well on a smooth road. Bumps upset the suspension.

The Firebird's cabin always has been pretty tight, and it continues to be so. The catalytic converter causes a bump in the floor in front of the passenger seat, and the back seat is more for look than function. It does, however, fold down for added luggage space. The trunk is quite shallow except for a suitcase-sized bin at the very rear of the vehicle.

The heavily contoured front seats have lots

of padding on the sides as well as under your legs. Getting in and out is not easy, especially for those of us in middle age. It's a good thing that most Firebird buyers are young.

A large pod behind the steering wheel holds a nice array of gauges, except I found many of them were blocked by the steering wheel's spokes when it was adjusted to fit me. These gauges have Pontiac's trademark red glow at night, which is said to ease eyesight.

Other things new for 1999 include the following:

A Torsen limited-slip rear differential aids traction. An electronic traction control system is optional, even on V-6 models. Even at that, don't plan on getting through a snowy winter without snow tires.

The fuel tank is now 16.8 gallons. A Hurst shifter is offered on the six-speed. Front-to-rear braking proportion is balanced by a new electronic system.

A one-piece exhaust system reduces squeaks and rattles.

The Firebird Trans Am is a uniquely American sport coupe. It throbs with V-8 power, has look-at-me styling and is really comfortable for only two people. Recent sales are but a fraction of what they were earlier in the decade, thanks to the rising popularity of sport-utility vehicles.

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On The HOUSE

Times Have Changed

Never satisfied Sarah is in a change mode. Thinks she might want to sell her house. Maybe move to a condo.

Sarah called a real estate agent. Told her she wanted to list. Needed the agent's advice on pricing and how to get the house market ready. Sarah didn't let on what she really wanted was just to get a feel of the market.

The agent was a good one. Knowledgeable. Great track record. Arrived with an in depth comparative market analysis for Sarah and a mother load of invaluable information acquired from years of experience.

Their meeting lasted several hours. At the end of it, the agent handed Sarah a bill for a consultation fee.

Sarah was in a state of shock. Before this agent's time and knowledge had always been free. In the past Sarah had picked their brains lots of times and never paid a penny.

Times have changed and so have attitudes. No longer can sellers expect a free ride.

Real estate today is a highly technical ever changing specialized profession. It requires training, skill, patience, perseverance, intelligence, a remarkable understanding of human nature, and an enormous amount of time and personal sacrifice, among other things, to be successful in it.

It also is perhaps one of the only professions that prior to now has never charged a consultation fee.

Sellers always have expected real estate agents to share their experience and expertise freely, and advise them regarding what is probably their largest financial asset totally without remuneration. But think about it. Would you expect a financial planner or lawyer or doctor to advise you without receiving compensation? Closer to home, do you yourself as a professional work for free?

The Bob Russes who write about real estate but only sell their own always say call three real estate agents for advice if you are planning to list your house. That's fine. But if you respect a real estate agent's opinion enough to ask for it, he will be willing to pay for it.

The end of free consultations was just a matter of time in coming. Now that it is here, appreciate why and be prepared for the change.

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